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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Betsy Couture of Elgin on being named the 2016 Altrusa Woman of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, The local Altrusa Woman of the Year Award began in 1950 when Harriet Armstrong was recognized as the first recipient; since then, a long line of dedicated, local women have been honored for their volunteer service to the greater Elgin area community; Altrusa International of Elgin, Illinois Inc., founded in 1936, is an international service organization comprised of executive and professional women; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Couture has been actively involved in a variety of Elgin organizations, including the Elgin Community Network, the Northeast Neighbors Association, where she served as President, and the Elgin Historic Preservation Commission; she has been an active member of Admirers of Beautiful Old Dwelling in Elgin, a docent with the Gifford Park Association's Historic House Tour, and a volunteer with the Downtown Neighborhood Association, the Elgin Fourth of July Parade, the Elgin Fox Trot, and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner; and

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WHEREAS, In 2012, Betsy Couture received the "Women of Grace & Dignity" True Grit award honoring "Women in the

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1 Workplace"; and

2 WHEREAS, Betsy Couture is a familiar smiling face at Paul's
3 Family Restaurant in Elgin, where she is a well-known and
4 beloved server on the early morning shift; she attends First
5 Congregational Church of Elgin and enjoys gardening; and

6 WHEREAS, Betsy Couture has two sons, Brandon and David; a
7 daughter-in-law, Kelly; and one grandson, Carter "Peanut"; and

8 WHEREAS, Betsy Couture will be honored at the 67th annual
9 Woman of the Year Recognition Dinner on May 19, 2016 at Villa
10 Olivia Country Club in Bartlett; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Betsy Couture on being named the 2016 Altrusa
14 Woman of the Year; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Betsy Couture as an expression of our esteem and
17 respect.